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NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

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1. THREE KEY SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SPOKE
WITH US ON DECEMBER 2 ABOUT NORTH/SOUTH MATTERS. THE
GOVERNMENT PERCEIVES THAT SPANISH NATIONAL INTERESTS
ARE THOSE OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING
THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS BELIEVES THAT THE CURRENT U.S. TACTICS ON THE
CREATION OF AN OVERVIEW MECHANISM RISK RADICALIZING
THE LESS-DEVELOPED (G-77) COUNTRIES.

2. THE MINISTRY BELIEVES THAT THE OVERVIEW MECHANISM
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RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE U.S. DOES NOT GO FAR
ENOUGH TO MEET G-77 DEMANDS. SPECIFICALLY, THE
SPANIARDS SEE THE "SMALL WORKING GROUP" CONCEPT PUT
FORWARD IN THE U.S. RESOLUTION AS NOT VIABLE. THERE
IS AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. ON AVOIDING INCLUSION OF AN
ISSUES LIST IN ANY OVERVIEW RESOLUTION.

3. IN COMING TO THIS CONCLUSION, THE SPANIARDS CONSIDERED THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

-- DUPLICATION OF DEBATING FORA AND OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FUNCTIONS IS UNDESIRABLE.

-- THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE HAS SO FAR BROUGHT NO RESULTS AND THE LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS WILL BECOME MORE INSISTENT.

-- THE WORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MUST NOT SUFFER BECAUSE OF NORTH/SOUTH CONFRONTATION.

-- THE DIALOGUE MUST BE CONTINUED AND THE LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS MUST EVENTUALLY BE ALLOWED AT LEAST SOME SMALL VICTORIES.

4. IN THE OPINION OF THESE MINISTRY OFFICERS THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN THE FUTURE CAN MAKE CONCESSIONS IN THE AREAS OF AGRICULTURE AND NON-TARIFF TRADE BARRIERS, AND AS A QUID PRO QUO THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ASKED TO DEBATE WORLD ENERGY PRICES. STABLER

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